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WASHINGTON CONCURS WITH SECOND REVISED DRAFT DPC COMMUNIQUE (REF B) WITH FOLLOWING REVISIONS WHICH SHOULD BE INTRODUCED AT THE MAY 12 DRC SESSION:

2. PARAGRAPH THREE. PRESUME WORD QUOTE EUROPEANS UNQUOTE IN LAST LINE SHOULD READ QUOTE EUROGROUP UNQUOTE.

- 3. PARAGRAPH FIVE. RECOMMEND WORD QUOTE STATE UNQUOTE IN FIRST LINE BE CHANGED TO QUOTE STATUS UNQUOTE.
- 4. PARA SEVEN. SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING FOR THE EXISTING FIRST SENTENCE: QUOTE IN THIS REGARD, THEY REEMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF STANDARDIZATION AND INTER-OPERABILITY. FURTHER, THEY WELCOMED THE EMPHASIS OF THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS ON THE DEVELOPMENT

OF AN ARMAMENTS PLANNING SYSTEM AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FURTHER COOPERATIVE EFFORTS UNQUOTE. REASON: DRAFT PRESENTLY CONTAINS NO MENTION OF QUOTE STANDARDIZATION UNQUOTE.

5. PARA FOUR: CHANGE LAST SENTENCE TO READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE THEY EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN AT THE STEADY EXPANSION OF WARSAW PACT MILITARY CAPABILITIES WHICH HAVE GREATLY INCREASED THE POWER AND FLEXIBILITY OF WARSAW PACT FORCES; THAT THESE FORCES ARE INCREASINGLY OFFENSIVE IN POSTURE AND NOW CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING THE SOVIET UNION'S POLITICAL INTERESTS ON A GLOBAL SCALE; AND THAT THESE FORCES ARE MUCH STRONGER THAN ARE NEEDED FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES. IN LIGHT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, THEY STRESSED THE URGENT NEED FOR NATO NOT ONLY TO MAINTAIN BUT TO IMPROVE ITS DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES. UNQUOTE. REASON: TRACKS MORE CLOSELY WITH SUMMIT DISCUSSIONS AND REMARKS.

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